REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 29 and 37 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 2 and 30 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to the abstract. Applicant respectfully submits a new abstract. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the abstract and remove his objection.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-15, 21 and 24-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dom, et al. in view of Contois. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. The present invention as claimed in Claims 1, 29 and 37 set forth an arrangement whereby a controller, such as a remote control, sends an identifier (e.g., a URL) associated with a media object to request the media object to be played. The controller sends the request wirelessly to an appliance that retrieves the object associated with the identifier from a server located on a network. Thus, the appliance uses a network connection to access the network and retrieve the media object from a server on the network. Thereafter, the appliance plays the acquired media object. Thus, claim limitations require that the appliance obtain the object by going through the network on behalf of the controller, which desires to have the object played.

Dom does not disclose using a network appliance and a controller remote to the appliance to cause the appliance to obtain an object over the network and play the object. More specifically, Dom only discloses a video story board interface that allows a portion of a video to be selected. Once a selection is made through the interface, a request is made to obtain that selected portion of the video. This request is sent to the server that contains the object. There is no

disclosure in <u>Dom</u> about a device receiving the request for the selected video segment from the computer displaying the video story board interface and having that device make another request to obtain the video portion to another server. In discussing this particular limitation, the Examiner points to column 1, lines 40-65 and column 7, lines 22-33. However, these portions merely discuss a network arrangement and are consistent with the disclosure in <u>Dom</u> that discusses using the video story board interface to make a direct request for a portion of video to a server that stores the video.

<u>Contois</u> does not make up for deficiencies in <u>Dom</u>. As set forth by the Examiner, <u>Contois</u> only discloses access to media stored in the media database and a playback unit coupled to the microprocessor.

Furthermore, the controller transmits the identifier for the media object wirelessly. Thus, this controller can truly act as a remote and may be utilized with multiple types of devices such as, for example, a stereo network access appliance or document network access appliance and easily access them anywhere in the range of the remote control device. There is no discussion of such functionality in <u>Dom</u> or <u>Contois.</u>

In view of this, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as claimed in Claims 1, 29 and 37 are not obvious in view of the combination of <u>Dom</u> and <u>Contois</u>.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 16-20, 22-23 and 41-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over <u>Dom</u>, in view of <u>Contois</u> and further in view of <u>Morris, et al</u>. For the same reason given above with respect to Claims 1-15, 21 and 24-40, the present invention as claimed is not obvious in view of the combination of <u>Dom</u>, <u>Contois</u> and <u>Morris</u>. Specifically, the present invention sets forth an arrangement whereby a controller, such as a remote control, wirelessly
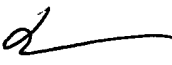
sends an identifier (e.g., a URL) associated with a media object to an appliance to request the media object to be played, and the appliance uses a network connection to access the network and retrieve the media object from a server on the network. As discussed above, <u>Dom</u> and <u>Contois</u> do not disclose such features. <u>Morris</u> does not such disclose such features either. Therefore for the same reasons given above, the present invention as claimed is not obvious in view of <u>Dom</u>, <u>Contois</u> and <u>Morris</u>.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that Claims 1-43 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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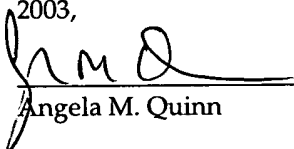BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

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